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SUBJECT: BILATERAL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL MET FOR 20 MINUTES WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA IN THE CONFERENCE HALL TO REVIEW THE QUITO MFN CONFERENCE. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE SHORTLY BEFORE THE FINAL PLENARY SESSION.

2. SILVEIRA EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS THOUGH HE SAID HE WOULD NOT SAY SO PUBLICLY. THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN BADLY PREPARED BY THE SPONSORS. INGERSOLL NOTED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT MORNING, WHO AGREED. THE MEETING CAME BEFORE ITS TIME. SILVEIRO SAID THE OUT-COME WAS HARDLY WORTH THE FOUR DAYS SPENT ON THE EFFORT, BUT HE AGREED THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE. THE IMPORTANT THING, HE SAID, IS THAT IT FORCES CASTRO TO NEGOTIATE INSTEAD OF HANDING HIM WHAT HE WANTS ON A SILVER PLATTER. HE AGREED WITH THE COMMENTS OF OTHER MINISTERS AT THE CONFERENCE THAT IT MARKED A NEW ERA IN TERMS OF ASSUMPTION BY THE U.S. OF A POSTURE WHICH PERMITTED LATIN AMERICANS

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TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND TAKE POSITIONS AS THEY SAW

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3. ON THE BUENOS AIRES MFM NEXT SPRING, HE THOUGHT THE CONFERENCE PRESSAGED DIFFICULTY OVER THE PROBLEM OF

CUBAN PARTICIPATION. COUNTRIES LIKE URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO ABANDON THEIR ADAMANT OPPOSITION AND SO FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED "CONSENSUS" MEANT AT LEAST LACK OF OPPOSITION FROM ANYONE.

4. THE QUITO MEETING, HE BELIEVED, WOULD TURN OUT VERY BADLY FOR SOME OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, PARTICULARLY SOME OF THE CENTRAL AMERICANS LIKE THE SALVADORAN AND PERHAPS THE HOST ECUADOREANS WHO WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY EXPLAINING TO THEIR PRESIDENTS THE FAILURE OF THEIR POSITION. SILVEIRA SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ THIS AFTERNOON. THE PRESIDENT HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT DISTURBED AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA RIGHT AWAY. FACIO ALSO HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD DEFINITELY NOT REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

5. SILVEIRA AND SECRETARY INGERSOLL AGREED THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE RESOLUTION TO LEAVE THE SESSION OPEN FOR LATER CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM HAD NOT PASSED. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE MATTER COULD ALWAYS BE BROUGHT UP AGAIN BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL BUT SILVEIRA THOUGHT THERE WERE TOO MANY BRUISED FEELINGS FOR ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION FOR AT LEAST 3 OR 4 MONTHS DURING WHICH MANY THINGS COULD CHANGE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES WAS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE TO CONSIDER THE RESOLUTION TO LEAVE THE CONFERENCE OPEN.
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